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Honorable Steve Gunderson
Member, House of Representatives
Post Office Box 247
622 East State Highway 54
Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615

Dear Congressman Gunderson:

This is in reply to your letter of March 23, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Daniel L. Finucane II, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

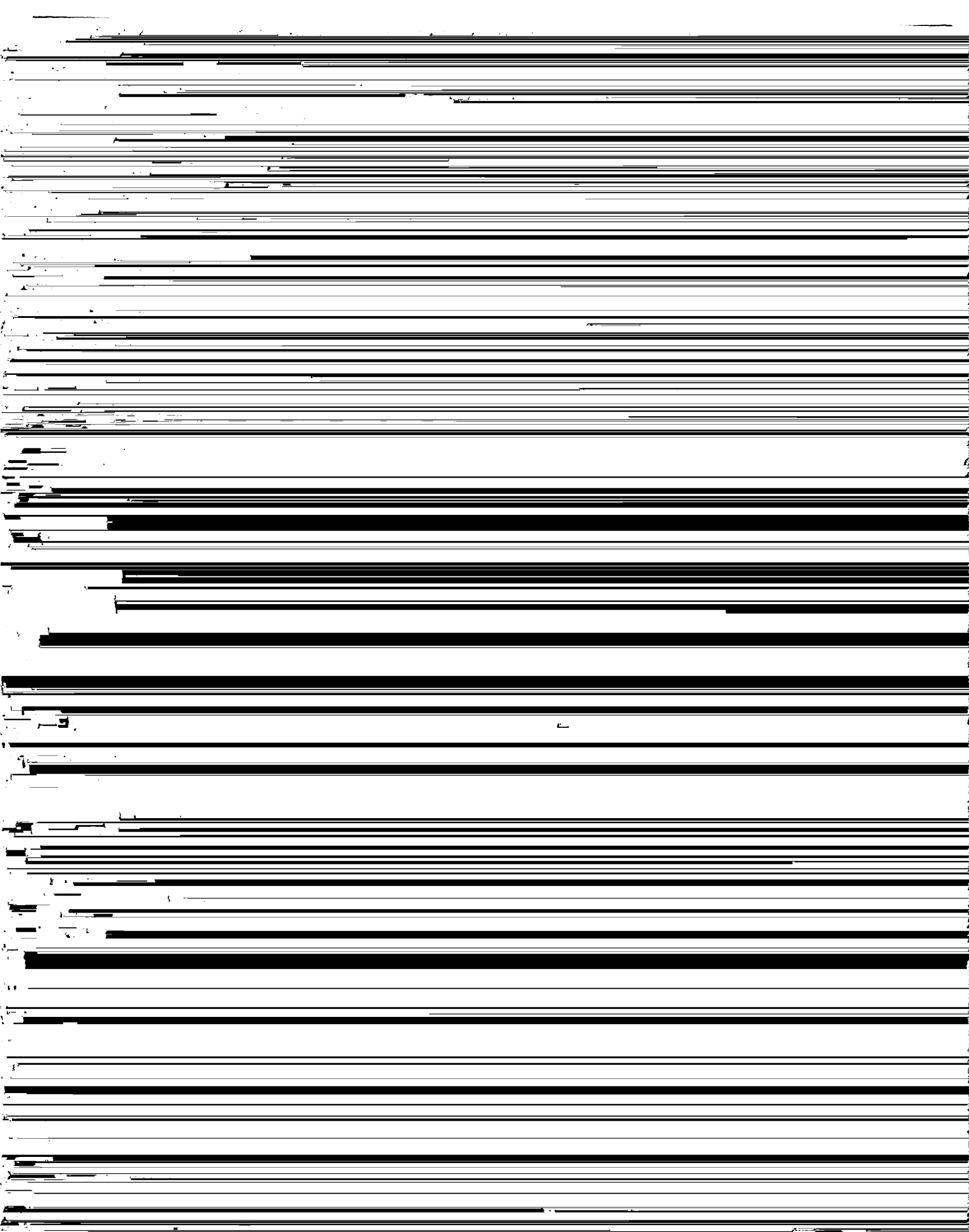
We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Jacobs
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RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a letter from Daniel L. Finucane II of W776 County Road E, Arcadia, WI 54612, regarding FCC PR Docket 92-235 that was forwarded to my district office by Wisconsin State Senator Rodney C. Moen

Your consideration of Mr. Finucane's comments will be most appreciated.

Best regards,

Steve Gunderson
Member of Congress

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February 11, 1993

Senator Rodney Moen
Room 37 South State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Moen:

I am concerned about the proposed FCC rules that are being considered under the proceeding PR Docket 92-235. I am concerned that if this rule is passed, this would interfere greatly with the widespread and popular hobby of radio-controlled modelers.

I have been flying radio-controlled helicopters for sixteen years now. I became interested in my hobby and began flying when I was only twelve. My father owned and operated a radio-controlled hobby shop. All of my leisure time was spent helping out in the hobby shop and building aircrafts of my own.

This proposal would rule out 31 frequencies used in radio-controlled models and would cause many accidents and injuries. Our frequencies are in the 72-75 MHz band which is the same band that is also used for private land mobile dispatch operations. Our frequencies in this band are far enough apart from them that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

In our 72 MHz band, thirty-one of our frequencies would be bracketed, principally in the lower end of the band (below Channel 42). A similar condition exists in the 75 MHz band.

Example of the new frequency placement would look like this:

	<u>Frequency</u>	
Our flying model Channel 14	72.070	MHZ
New insert	72.0725	MHZ
New insert	72.0775	MHZ
Our flying model Channel 15	72.080	MHZ
New insert	72.0825	MHZ
New insert	72.0875	MHZ

They will only be 2.5 KHZ away from our frequencies which isn't very far. They will also be 4 times more powerful than ours and the land mobile dispatch operations would be hard for us to locate them.

We spend a lot of time building our models and invest much of our hard-earned money into them. Some of the models that are built are replicas of real aircrafts like the F-16, for instance, with missiles, bombs, cockpit detail and fly like the real ones. They are real crowd pleasers.

This is a safe hobby as long as we can keep our frequencies and not receive interference from the land dispatch operation inserts. We send our radios in every year to have them checked out if they need it or not. We also do range checks every time we partake in our hobby. A pre-flight